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From: Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/8/2019 9:13:25 PM
To: Hladick, Christopher [hladick.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: For discussion

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2019, at 1:05 PM, Hladick, Christopher <hladick.christopher@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes agree with your statements

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 8, 2019, at 11:53 AM, Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

Forwarding this previous mail because this is the easiest way to access the language from my phone. You'll see it includes both the draft email language we had proposed and the press statement language and are now using. At this point, with your guidance on the FOIA aspect, my inclination (as we discussed) is to have folks use the shorter press statement, with the added point that the draft permit will be made generally available when it is ready for public comment. Thanks.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Opalski, Dan" <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov>
Date: February 6, 2019 at 3:14:03 PM PST
To: "Holsman, Marianne" <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>, Mark Macintyre <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: For discussion

Marianne/Mark:

The first (longer) paragraph below is proposed language for an email to go to folks who have requested a copy of our pre-draft CR dam permits based upon Ecology's public notice of our request for cert. We prepared this on Monday but have not received a green light to send. The second (shorter) paragraph is my initial suggestion for a statement to provide in response to press inquiries (and potentially others). My direction from Chris is to work this up with you and get it back to Anna Wildeman for her okay.

Thank you for your request to receive the permits referenced in Ecology's 1/30/19 public notice. The permits in Ecology's public notice

are not public draft permits, but pre-draft permits sent to Ecology for their consideration in developing their 401 certification. We are still developing the permits with new information and will also factor in any proposed 401 certification conditions we receive from certification authorities before making a draft permit available for public comment. The timing of public comment is uncertain at this time, but we will provide sufficient time for review and comment on the public comment draft when it is released. If you would like your name to be added to our public notification list, I would be happy to do so. Note that the EPA also withdrew its request to Ecology for 401 certification on Friday, 2/1/19, so we are currently not requesting certification from Ecology or other 401 certification authorities. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

EPA has determined that the preliminary draft permits for which we had requested water quality certification need additional internal review. Therefore, we have withdrawn our requests for water quality certification at this time. We fully intend to reinstate our requests for water quality certification after we have completed our internal review and updated the preliminary draft permits, as appropriate.

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